Emergency Preparedness and Response



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE (4.4.7)



The basic issue that needs to be addressed in the Emergency Preparedness and Response section is

HOW DO PLAN AND RESPOND TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS?



Three specific issues must be addressed:

- 1. Organization must identify the possibilities for accidents and emergency situations.
- 2. Organization must prepare emergency preparedness and response procedures.
- 3. Organization should evaluate and revise as appropriate the procedures.



NOTE: The Emergency Preparedness and Response section of the standard applies to the entire organization, not just the Significant Environmental Aspects.



Potential process steps:

- inventorying hazardous substances
- identifying potential accident scenarios
- modeling potential distribution patterns
- evaluating potential impacts



Once the preceding steps have been completed the organization should develop procedures to potentially eliminate the incidents.



Organization should also develop procedures to respond to the potential accidents.



The emergency response procedures should be tested periodically.